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SUBJECT: IAEA CONSULTATIONS MEETING ON COMPUTER-BASED SAFEGUARDS

INFORMATION HANDLING, VIENNA, MAY 12-16, 1975

REF: IAEA VIENNA 3400

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUBJECT MEETING, AND PROPOSED FOLLOWUP
ACTIONS RECOMMENDED BY MISSION. END SUMMARY.

1. SUBJECT MEETING WAS CONVENED TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON
AGENCY'S WORK CARRIED OUT TO DATE AND ON PLANS FOR FUTURE
IN CONNECTION WITH THE TWO PARTS OF ITS COMPUTER-BASED
SYSTEM FOR SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION HANDLING, I.E., ACCOUNTING
PART BASED ON INFO RECEIVED IN FORM OF REPORTS FROM STATES
UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS, AND PART RELATED TO INSPECTION/
VERIFICATION DATA.

2. U.S. EXPERTS ATTENDING WERE WILLIAM MURPHY, NBS, AND
DARRELL HYDE, OAK RIDGE COMPUTER CENTER. OTHER PARTICIPANTS
WERE: KSCHWENDT AND SCHMIDT FROM EURATOM, NISHIMURA FROM
JAPAN AERI, AND IAEA STAFF MEMBERS LOPEZ-MENCHERO,
GMELIN, PARSICK, LENDVAI, BUCHLER AND MIAH.

3. PRINCIPAL CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONSULTANTS
WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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A. INPUT DATA PREPARATION IS POOR. GROUP RECOMMENDED

PREPARATION OF USERS MANUAL TO SIMPLIFY CODE 10, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT SIX MONTHS' EFFORT, AND A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR BOTH MEMBER STATE AND AGENCY PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH ADP FROM PREPARATION AND/OR CORRECTION.

B. THERE IS A SERIOUS INPUT BACKLOG. GROUP RECOMMENDED AN ANALYSIS OF INPUT EDIT ERROR DISTRIBUTION (THIS WAS DONE DURING MEETING), MODIFICATION OF INPUT ERROR TREATMENT (ABOUT ONE MONTH'S EFFORT), FORMATION OF TASK FORCE TO REMOVE BACKLOG (ABOUT SIX MONTHS' EFFORT), AND STREAMLINING OF DATA HANDLING. THIS IS ESSENTIAL TO CREDIBILITY OF OUTPUT.

C. RELEASE ONE PROGRAM IS NOT YET TESTED BY INSPECTOR USAGE. GROUP RECOMMENDED THIS BE DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

D. CURRENT SYSTEM DESIGN DOES NOT ALLOW OPERATION OF RELEASE ONE PROGRAMS ON BEST DATA AVAILABLE IN SYSTEM. GROUP RECOMMENDED MODIFICATION OF INPUT EDIT ERROR TREATMENT, AS NOTED ABOVE, MODIFICATION OF SYSTEM TO PERMIT OPERATION OF ALL RELEASE ONE PROGRAMS ON FEED STORAGE DATA BASE, MODIFICATION TO ALLOW "BY DIFFERENCE CORRECTION PROCEDURE" IN FEED STORAGE, AND AMENDMENT OF ALL OMITTED LINE ITEMS WITH ERROR TYPE IDENTIFICATION TO PROGRAM OUTPUTS. (THIS INVOLVES ABOUT 2 MONTHS' EFFORT AND IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL).

4. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF REPORT ON STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY SIMILAR CONSULTANTS GROUP IN OCTOBER 1973:

A. GET RELEASE ONE OPERATIONAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NOT REP NOT ACHIEVED. ALL RELEASE ONE ACCOUNTING REPORTS BASED ON BEST AVAILABLE DATA ARE NOT RPT NOT YET IN HANDS OF INSPECTORS.

B. GET SYSTEM DOCUMENTED. NOT RPT NOT ACHIEVED. GROUP BELIEVES THIS IS ESSENTIAL AND SHOULD BE DONE WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

C. INSTITUTE INSPECTOR'S USERS GROUP. ACHIEVED IN PART THROUGH THE WEEKLY IG MEETINGS.
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D. HAVE PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS WITH EXPERTS. BY PRESENT MEETING, THIS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

E. INDEPENDENCE OF INPUT-OUTPUT IN ADP. ACHIEVED.

F. SUPPORT PROGRAMMING. ADOPTED VERY RECENTLY. ONLY ONE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMER HAS BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE PROGRAM

FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

G. ASSESSMENT OF FUTURE COMPUTER NEEDS. ADOPTED. THE AGENCY'S COMPUTER CENTER HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF FUTURE HARDWARE NEEDS FOR SAFEGUARDS PROGRAMS.

H. PRIORITY COMPUTER PROCESSING. ADOPTED.

I. AUTOMATIC APPLICATION OF "A-PROCEDURE" FOR INPUT EDIT ERRORS. NOT RPT NOT ACHIEVED. INCLUSION OF DATA IN BACKGROUND DATA BASE CONTINUES TO BE VERY SLOW.

J. RETROACTIVE IMPLICATIONS OF CORRECTIONS. ACHIEVED.

K. PERSONNEL SECURITY FOR SAFEGUARDS NEEDS. NOT RPT NOT CONSIDERED BY THIS CONSULTANT'S MEETING.

L. ROUTINE EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE, ANALYSIS MODULES AND PROCESS ALGORITHMS. NOT RPT NOT IMPLEMENTED. HOWEVER, THIS FACTOR IS NOT RPT NOT HINDERING IMPLEMENTATION OF RELEASE ONE.

M. OPERATIONAL COLLECTION OF SCHEDULED DATA ELEMENTS. NO RPT NO CHANGE IN STATUS. GROUP BELIEVES EFFORTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO OBTAIN ALL SCHEDULED DATA ELEMENTS.

N. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL COMPUTER HARDWARE RESTRICTION. THERE ARE NOT RPT NO CURRENT COMPUTER HARDWARE RESTRICTIONS.

O. ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO ACCELERATE ADP TASK COMPLETION. ADOPTED ONLY VERY RECENTLY, ALTHOUGH ACCELERATION OF TASK HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR.

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5. COMMENT: BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. EXPERTS ATTENDING THIS MEETING, IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE IS SERIOUS CONCERN AT SLOW PACE AT WHICH THIS PROGRAM IS MOVING AND THAT AGENCY MUST STEP UP ITS EFFORTS IN DEVELOPING ADP SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE TRULY CREDIBLE SAFEGUARDS. MISSION SHARES THIS CONCERN AND PROPOSES TO FOLLOW-UP PERIODICALLY WITH ROMETSCH ON PROGRESS BEING MADE, AND IF WE CONTINUE TO SEE LACK OF SUCH PROGRESS WITHIN REASONABLE TIME, WE WOULD THEN PROPOSE THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO RAISING MATTER IN BOARD OR AT ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COMMITTEE MEETING NEXT SPRING. WE DOUBT LATTER ACTION WILL BE NECESSARY, BECAUSE WE SENSE FROM RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMETSCH AND NAKICENOVIC THAT THERE IS NOW A GROWING REALIZATION THAT THINGS ARE NOT RPT NOT GOING WELL IN THIS AREA, AND WE

THINK, THEREFORE, THAT CORRECTIVE STEPS WILL BE TAKEN
IN TIME. WE PLAN TO FOLLOW MATTER CLOSELY, HOWEVER,
TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS HAPPENS. WE AMY ALSO CONSIDER
REQUESTING ONE OF U.S. EXPERTS TO RETURN WITHIN FEW
MONTHS TO HELP US RE-ASSESS SITUATION. END COMMENT.LEAHY

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